



Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 (Original): A positive electrode current collector for a manganese dry battery comprising: a carbon rod, and paraffin wax containing a hydrocarbon compound having a molecular weight of 300 to 500 impregnated in said carbon rod, said paraffin wax containing a hydrocarbon compound having a molecular weight of not greater than 310 in an amount of not greater than 0.5 wt%.

2 (Original): The positive electrode current collector for a manganese dry battery in accordance with claim 1, wherein the amount of said hydrocarbon compound having a molecular weight of not greater than 310 in said paraffin wax is measured by gas chromatography.

3 (Currently Amended): The A positive electrode current collector for a manganese dry battery ~~in accordance with claim 1~~ comprising: a carbon rod, and paraffin wax containing a hydrocarbon compound having a molecular weight of 300 to 500 impregnated in said carbon rod, said paraffin wax containing a hydrocarbon compound having a molecular weight of not greater than 310 in an amount of not greater than 0.5 wt%, wherein said carbon rod has a density of 1.50 to 1.75 g/cm³.

4 (Original): A manganese dry battery comprising the positive electrode current collector for a manganese dry battery in accordance with any one of claims 1 to 3.

5 (Original): The manganese dry battery in accordance with claim 4, further comprising:
a sealing member having an aperture for fitting said positive electrode current collector, and
polybutene placed as a sealant in the fitting portion between said positive electrode current
collector and said sealing member.